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SUMMARY: GOE DENIES JULY 23 AIR ATTACKS AGAINST LIBY. MEDIATION
EFFORT HAVING TOUGH SLEDDING AND ARAB LEAGUE SYG SAYS NO COMPLAINT
RECEIVED FROM LIBYA. GOE OFFICIAL UNABLE CONFIRM REPORT OF
CEASEFIRE. GROMYKO VISIT IN AUGUST MAY STILL BE ON.
SPECIAL ENVOY FROM KING HASSAN RETURNS. GOE APPEARS UNINTERESTED
IN MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS TO QADHAFI, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE
HE HAS NOT YET "LEARNED HIS LESSON." END SUMMARY

1. PRESS JULY 21 HEADLINES GOE DENIAL THAT LIBYAN-ALLEGED AIR RAIDS ON LIBYAN TOWNS TOOK PLACE JULY 23. MILITARY SPOKESMAN CLAIMED ONLY MILITARY ACTION JULY 23 WAS ARTILLERY EXCHANGE ON SOLLUM PLATEAU IN WHICH LIBYAN ARTILLERY "SILENCED". SPOKESMAN ALSO RIDICULED CHARGE OF LIBYAN DOWNING OF U.S. DRONE AND REFERRED TO PENTAGON SPOKESMAN'S DENIAL.

2. MEDIATION. ARAFAT MET WITH FOMIN FAHMY, AND MINWAR GAMASY AND AL SYG RIAD EVENING JULY 23 AND WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO TRIPOLI LAST NIGHT. ARAFAT REPORTEDLY ACCOMPANIED BY CO LIBYAN SPECIAL FORCES AND DIRECTOR QADHAFI'S OFFICE. ALTHOUGH BBC REPORTS THAT LIBYA HAS APPEALED TO UN, OAU AND AL, PRESS QUOTES RIAD AS STATING AL HAS RECEIVED NO COMPLAINT FROM LIBYA. ALG SYG HAS SENT NOTE ON CONFLICT TO ALL ARAB STATES. COUNSELOR IN FOMIN FAHMY'S OFFICE TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 24 THAT HE UNABLE CONFIRM REPORT THAT CEASEFIRE HAD BEEN ARRANGED.

3. IN ONLY EDITORIAL ON LIBYA, AHAM HEAPS PRAISE ON EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES AND ASSERTS LIBYAN LEADERS WHO HAVE GONE ASTRAY AND LED "OUR KIN INTO WRONG BATTLE" WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCED.

4. USSR. AHAM REPORTS ON PAGE 1 THAT PRAVDA STATES GROMYKO WILL VISIT EGYPT AS EXPECTED IN MID-AUGUST. SOVIET PRESS SAID TO HAIL EGYPT'S JULY 23 REVOLUTION AND CALL FOR NORMALIZATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

5. MOST GAS STATIONS IN CAIRO APPEAR TO BE BACK IN BUSINESS AS USUAL TODAY FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S PARTIAL SHUT DOWN (REFTEL).

6. MOROCCAN ENVOY. SPECIAL ENVOY FROM KING HASSAN, COL AHMAD DLIMI, ARRIVED IN CAIRO ON HIS SECOND TRIP IN PAST WEEK.

7. FIVE AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS, WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION VISIT BORDER AREA, LEFT CAIRO JULY 24 TO SEE HOW CLOSE THEY COULD APPROACH BORDER.

8. COMMENT: MEDIA COVERAGE SUGGESTS TONING DOWN OF GOE PUBLIC STANCE, BUT ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT ARAFAT/AL MEDIATION EFFORTS GOING SLOWLY. GOE STILL APPEARS BE TAKING TOUGH POSITION AND NOT PREPARED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS UNTIL IT CONVINCED QADHAFI HAS "LEARNED HIS LESSON."
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